

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

President: I have received a notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. Narayana Kurup:—

"I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation arising out of the troublous labour conditions in the various parts of this State as indicated by the statement made by the Dewan-President in this House yesterday regarding the notices of general strikes issued by labour associations in Quilon and Alleppey."

Does the House give leave to allow this motion ?

(There was a show of hands by eight honourable members).

I cannot give any time for this motion until the last day of the Council. It will be discussed on the 16th instant.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT.

President: Order, order. Before I make the announcement regarding the general discussion, I wish to say a few words to the honourable House, arising out of certain matters of very recent occurrence which this House should know. After my statement to the Joint Session, certain important developments have taken place in India and although the discussion of these matters is not allowable according to the present rules governing the Legislative bodies in the State, this Government, as I have stated on the previous occasion, have always been of the opinion that any steps taken by them or any policy propounded by them should be made known to the members of the Legislature. After the meeting of the Joint Session, it is now known to honourable members that the Muslim League has declined to cooperate and has announced the policy of direct action on the ground that its point of view has not been adequately considered. Honourable members will realise that the statement made by the Cabinet Mission was to the effect that a Constituent Assembly will be brought into existence and the general idea was that the Constituent Assembly would meet early in September. That Constituent Assembly when it first meets, would have no representatives of the Indian States on it. The parties that would meet are the parties who participated in the elections. They participated in the elections on purely communal basis, that is, the elections were those which were called general, those which were called Sikh and those which were called Muslim. Now the Sikhs have passed a resolution that they would have nothing to